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Hofstetter et al.

Serial No. 09/529,784

Art Unit: 1732

Filed: June 23, 2000

Examiner: G. Shipsides

For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING MULTI-LAYERED PREFORMS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 20, 2002. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire February 20, 2003. A petition for a three month extension of time and requisite fee are submitted herewith extending the period for response to May 20, 2003.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 13 and 15 as shown in Attachment "A" hereto. A clean copy of the amended claims is provided in Attachment "B".